

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. – 11. (Previously cancelled)

12. (Amended) A medicinal ointment comprising 5% to 25% by weight an active kavalactone, wherein the active kavalactone is a combination of dihydromethysticin, dihydrokawain, and kawain, and a medicinally acceptable carrier.

13. –25 (Previously cancelled)

26. (Previously presented) A patch comprising a material layer and a composition associated with the material layer; the composition having 5% to 25% by weight an active kavalactone, wherein the active kavalactone is a combination of dihydromethysticin, dihydrokawain, and kawain.

27. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 26, further comprising a protective layer intimately adhered to one side of the material layer which is resistant to passage of the active kavalactone.

28. (Previously presented) The patch of claim 27, wherein the material layer includes a pressure-sensitive adhesive.